

to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are Public Health and Welfare Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I guess I will go ahead and handle them. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the amendments were brought to us at the time the bill was heard. What they do is adjust the allowed fee that can be charged by the Board of Sanitarians. The adjustment is called for in order to cover the additional cost of this bill so that there will be no additional costs to the taxpayer. This additional fee would then cover the additional expenditures and so it would balance out. That is what is called for in this committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed no. While we are waiting for people to come and vote or for you to decide if you want to vote, may I please introduce a former senator, Senator Nelson Merz, under the North balcony. Senator, would you stand up and take a bow. Senator Merz was from the 1st District way down in the southeast corner. Glad to have you with us, Nelson. Also under the South balcony son-in-law of...is Mr. James E. Larsen of Glenview, Illinois, who is a son-in-law of Senator Lundy. Would you please stand and take a bow. Members, you are voting on the committee amendments, so I can't force you to vote but if you choose to, please do. I might remind those who are not in the Chamber, we would very much appreciate it if you would come back to the Chamber so we could have enough to vote on these items, so please come back if you would, please. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there seems to be great concern about what a sanitarian is and let me just tell you they do not collect garbage. They don't do a number of things that some of you might interpret the name to mean. What they do do, however, is inspect restaurants to make sure that they meet minimum health guidelines. They do the same for nursing homes, hospitals and there aren't that many, I believe there are about a hundred in the state or so. So that is their job. They are now licensed. They have a Board of Sanitarians and they were directed several years ago in a sunset review to look